

A SPELL BINDER

Relates His Experiences in Campaigning in West Virginia.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS.

The Bright and Dark Sides of the Life of a Stump Orator While Out Instructing and Enthusiasing His Fellow Countrymen—Heavy Drain on the Strength of the Most Virile Grandeur of the Scenery of the Leading Mineral State of the Union.

The election is over, and each person who worked actively on either side has a fund of good stories recounting interesting events connected with the contest. Some that are excruciatingly funny now were not so humorous at the time. Others are sly because of the consternation they produced in the ranks of the enemy, and still others because of the resultant chagrin in the home camp. For weeks and months, these stories will be told in political haunts to the delectation of the rank and file of the several parties, who in consequence of their rendition, and of the revealed importance of the narrator, will bow down the more in hero worship at the shrine of the manipulators of such egregious political achievements.

Preached the Gospel.

Of all who will indulge themselves in the innocent pastime of thus entertaining their compatriots, none will be so rich in personal experience as the "spell-binder"—he who went forth and "preached the gospel" to every creature who went over the highways and along the by-ways—and sometimes through the hedges—revealing the glory of his party's past, the magnificence of its presence, and the grandeur of its future; who proclaimed to hypnotized audiences with stentorian voice and impassioned accent and matchless eloquence and unanswerable logic the grave fact that the perpetuity of the republic, the progress of the nation, the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people depended upon the success of his party. He it is that is most rich in reminiscences and entertaining in post-election anecdotes.

Compliments the Orator.

Campaigning in West Virginia has many phases. A brief description of two will suffice to show the contrast. In one, there is a prelude in the form of a parade through some of the magnificent streets of one of our large and prosperous cities. The coming of a noted orator has been heralded abroad. The people are expectant. They crowd the streets. They become enthusiastic, even tumultuous. Bands are playing; drums are beating; horns are tooting; hundreds are shouting; red-fire galore reddens the heavens. Amid such inspiring surroundings, the speaker pursues his way in a comfortable carriage from his hotel to an auditorium, where, amid the plaudits of the assembled host—who are seated in comfortable opera chairs—he proceeds to save the country. The audience hangs upon his honeyed words like the multitude on Mars' hill upon the eloquence of the apostle of old, and their rapturous applause adds to his inspiration. All too soon the address is ended, and the speaker is overwhelmed by the congratulatory multitude, each one eager to grasp the hand of the modern Demosthenes.

Vast Good Accomplished.

The meeting was a great success. Vast good was accomplished. The faithful were encouraged, and great inroads were made in the ranks of the opposition. The newspapers teem with praise of the orator, and much of his deliverances find verbatim expression in the morning journals. The happy recipient of all these encomiums goes his way, confident of the reward laid up for him by the fathers of his party.

That is one picture of campaigning in West Virginia. We will give another. The speaker alights at a way station in the mountainous portion of the state, with but a store and a house or two in sight. He was to have been met by a committeeman, but the meeting did not materialize. He searches in vain for a livery stable. No buggy is to be found, not even a riding horse. Finally, after considerable persuasion and somewhat of inducement, he finds quarters upon the upholstered (?) running-gears of a lumber-wagon, and starts a dozen miles up the mountain, every foot of which grows steeper and rougher until it is all that the "spell-binder" can do to maintain his seat upon the rear axle.

The Log School House.

Finally, when he thinks flesh and blood can endure it no longer, he is unloaded about 8:30 p. m. in the midst of an interminable forest at a log school house, to find a dozen people waiting to be electrified by his eloquence. With visions of tenderloin steak and hashed-

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brown potatoes in his mind, he proceeds to do the electrifying act to the soul-inspiring and mental exhilarating vociferous approval of his dozen auditors. He then, weary and worn, walks two miles through that self-same forest, led by the flickering and very uncertain light of a tin lantern to find a lodging place, his body covered with the "reminiscences" of roots and briars and bushes and stumps encountered when the light and the guide would make a spurt and get too far ahead. Once there, he retires to rest upon a downy couch composed of a mattress made of rye-straw that hadn't been shaken since the preacher had been there the summer before.

Dream of Gratitude.

More hungry and more tired, he falls peacefully asleep, to dream of the gratitude that will be personally extended to him by one of the two "Willies" for such valiant and valuable service. He is awakened at 5 a. m. to enjoy a luxurious repast of boiled bacon and warm bread, only to take the same journey down the same mountain to make his next appointment.

These are not fancy sketches. The writer was an active and interested participant in both, and knows whereof he speaks. Somewhere between these two extremes lie the experiences of the boys who endeavored to save the nation and serve their party during the last campaign. They are all pleasant recollections now, but many of them had a great tendency to tire the flesh and weary the mind and disturb the morals at the time.

No Idle Dream.

Not it is no fun to campaign in West Virginia. To the listener it might seem easy to the trained speaker to hold his audience for an hour or more, while the cut and dried phrases escaped from his tongue with rhythmic regularity, with a smoothness as of the placid brook and a force that carried conviction, but if that self-same listener had followed that speaker for a few days, he would have abandoned all previous convictions as to the ease and comfort of the "spell-binder's" career. Some German savant has elucidated the problem that to speak interestingly and earnestly to an audience for an hour is as exhausting, physically, as ten hours of manual labor. Most speakers talked a half hour longer than that. Add to this the lack of rest, the travelling by day and by night, the councils of war, the entertainment of either partisans or the disaffected, and we have a physical strain which but few men can stand.

Trail of Discomfort.

From August to November, it was one long trail of discomfort and toll, of long rides in the darkness and in the rain; of midnight trains, of unpleasant occurrences and disappointments, of uncomfortable quarters and unpalatable food—interspersed, of course, with much of that which was pleasant, amusing and refreshing. It is easy to sit in a comfortable office and write an itinerary from a map; it is far different to execute the plans thus made.

But while those things constitute the dark and distressing side while the campaign is on, the light of reflection dispels all that darkness, and to-day, our "spell-binding" presents one bright and pleasing and interesting panorama of personal experiences. After the country has been saved—or lost—we can put in many a pleasant hour reflecting over or commenting upon the amusing and interesting events connected with our weeks "upon the road."

Generosity of West Virginians.

One mitigating circumstance ever present in the campaign was the uniform hospitality of the West Virginia people. No more generous people ever lived. Whenever and wherever found, they were kind and open-hearted. The latch-string was always on the outside. No night was too dark or storm too severe and no hour too late for them to attend to the wants of the belated traveler. Although the fare was sometimes homey, the heartiness with which it was proffered always added zest to the appetite of the visitor. The best in the larder and the best in the cellar was always at the disposal of the stranger. Whether it be chicken or bacon, beef or mutton, it was served in the very best style of the community, and in quantities sufficient for many times the number of guests. Nothing was too good for one, and the only dissatisfaction manifest was when a sufficient quantity was not disposed of. It may be southern hospitality. It may be northern civility. It may be both, but the fact remains that the generous, kind, unselfish and open-handed generosity of the people of West Virginia is exceeded by no people on earth.

Beautiful Scenery.

Another pleasure connected with campaigning in our state is the beautiful scenery enjoyed. From the wooded summits of the Alleghenies to the waters of the Sandy and the Ohio, the state of West Virginia is one vast panorama. For diversified scenery, no state in the union equals it. The mountains of the east, the valleys of the south and west, and the hills and plateaus and rolling high-lands intervening constitute a combination containing everything boasted of by any and every other state and to us attractive a degree. We need go nowhere to see beautiful scenery. We have it in unlimited quantities right here at home

WEST VIRGINIA.

BEWOOD.
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MOUNDSVILLE.
WELLSBURG.

Water Train Discontinued.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has taken off the water train which has been plying between Benwood and Grafton during the dry spell. The recent rains have swelled the streams along the route and the train that has been in operation all during the summer, supplying water for the use of the engines, has been discontinued.

New Business Building.

Patrick Havey has purchased the lot at the corner of Sixth and Main streets in Benwood, from John Deegan, for \$2,500. The lot has twenty-two feet frontage. The new owner will erect a modern business and residence block on the newly purchased ground that will lend ornament to architectural beauty of that part of the city. The new building will be a substantial brick structure.

Benwood Briefs.

The farewell dance of the Occidental Club, at Blue Ribbon hall last night, was highly enjoyable and a large crowd was present. Professor Long played. This club, which has figured prominently in the social circles of Benwood during the past, has disbanded, and the members joining the new Young Men's club, of St. John's church.

The Wheeling Street Railway Company transferred one of their winter cars to the Moundsville line yesterday. The latter company has been running a summer car during the cold spell and its patrons will welcome the innovation of a closed car as a god-send.

Improvements will shortly be made on the building occupied by the "Enterprise," on Main street. It will be raised to the level of the street and otherwise improved.

Steve Sherrard was severely burned on the shoulder and back early yesterday morning, by a ladle of molten metal turning over on him at the lower mill.

Mrs. W. J. Hamilton, of Wheeling Island, will address the Junior Epworth League at the Methodist Episcopal church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The remains of Nell Quinn were received from St. Mary's last night. The funeral will probably take place to-day. Interment at Mt. Calvary.

W. C. Burris and Ed. Noel spent the day hunting in the vicinity of Powhatan and bagged a number of quail and rabbits.

Miss Alvirde Mahood has returned

and at our own doors. There is scarcely a road in the state that does not give one opportunity after another of gazing upon nature's grand handiwork. There is no monotony in traveling in this state. At every turn magnificent landscapes break upon you with kaleidoscopic swiftness as to bewilder and amaze the itinerant.

Glory of the State.

Here a score of mountain peaks proudly proclaim the glory of their state; there a beautiful valley teeming with the wealth of the husbandman; yonder a vast expanse of rolling lands and low hills crowded with flocks and herds, furnishing the best pasturage of the nation; at our feet a beautiful river winding its way to the sea, protected on either side with bands of steel over which is hurled the commerce of an empire from our innumerable collieries; the whole dotted with magnificent cities and bright hamlets and countless and attractive homesteads; with the little white school house ever in sight; and it all being crowned with the halo of Republican prosperity—it presents a picture of beauty and grandeur not to be seen anywhere else on earth, and one which no West Virginian should gaze upon without his face glowing and his breast swelling at the thought that this is his state. To the "spell-binder," "The West Virginia Hills" has a new meaning, and his heart must throb in unison with its beautiful lines and noble sentiments. And after the battle is over, he comes to rest proud of his state than ever before.

Snow Storms in the West.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 21.—A heavy snow and wind storm prevailed here all day yesterday and last night, and appears to have been general throughout the Inter-mountain region, and extremely cold weather is reported from central Montana points.

Joker Allen a Cotton Expert.

Congressman Allen, of Mississippi, is an expert in the matter of cotton, to which he has given much study in leisure moments, and to the cultivation of which he intends to devote himself upon his retirement next March.

Tophnotch Prices in Stories.

The Publishers' Circular, of London, thinks that the \$25,000 which Kipling received for his new story of 60,000 words is the highest sum ever paid to an English author for a story of similar length.

Mrs. Stanford's New Philanthropy.

Mrs. Leland Stanford's agents are negotiating to secure certain exposition buildings at Paris which could be taken apart and erected upon ground already purchased in a pleasure suburb of Paris, to serve as an American hospital.

A Village Blacksmith Saved His Little Son's Life.

Mr. H. H. Black, the well known village blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sullivan Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject to croup, and so had have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the tough mucus and by giving frequent doses, when the croupy symptoms appear, we have found that the dreaded croup is cured before it gets settled." There is no danger in giving this remedy, for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For sale by druggists.

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from a three months' sojourn with relatives at Baltimore, Md.

Prof. F. J. Nelson, of eastern Ohio, will shortly resume the teaching of his musical class here.

John Ray and Charles Coffman left yesterday on a hunting expedition near Fish Creek.

W. M. Wellman, of Woodland, was a business caller in town yesterday.

A young son of Rev. Paul Metzenthin is seriously ill.

Moundsville Briefs.

Some excitement was caused here yesterday morning, by a street car from the Wheeling line, which was put on in place of one of the summer cars.

Misses Mattie and Virginia Francis have returned from a visit with their brother, Floyd Francis and Dr. Patterson, of Greene county, Pa.

E. A. Culbertson, of Sisterville; Hall & Koontz, of Antrook, Ohio, and C. L. Straub, of Pittsburgh, were here yesterday on oil business.

J. E. Holmes has been appointed guardian for Jesse W. and Lucy D. Holmes, minor children of Henry Holmes, deceased.

County court will be in session today, when it is expected a decision will be rendered in the Benwood-Bellaire ferry case.

Mr. Orville Kerns and Miss Aletta Logan were married Wednesday evening, at the Christian parsonage, by Rev. J. B. Smith.

Edward Bruce, of Winchester, Va., is quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. R. Oldham, on Tenth street.

J. T. Francis has purchased a lot on Third street, from F. T. Moore and will erect a dwelling on it soon.

Miss Ella Simms, of Welcome, is the guest of Miss Carrie Jefferson, on Water street.

D. Bonar and F. L. Roberts, of Bowman Ridge, were business visitors here yesterday.

Jesse Gamble has purchased the T. J. Steele meat market on Lafayette avenue.

The new contract price for fresh beef in the prison, was \$5.75, instead of \$5.25.

C. H. Logston, of Liberty district, was calling on friends here yesterday.

James A. Signafosse returned last evening from a visit in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Jane Brent left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Pittsburgh.

T. D. Richmond, of Fork Ridge, was a business visitor here yesterday.

George Lyons, of Newburg, W. Va., is visiting relatives in the city.

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From the New York Sun: The Hon. Robert W. Wilcox, the "Independent Royalist," who has been elected Hawaiian delegate to Congress, may not be a very good or estimable man, but he seems to be a good deal of a politician. He will be one of the sights of Washington, if he does not meet with the fate of Roberts, of Utah.

Up Against a Tough One.

President George Harris, of Amherst College, is one of the first college presidents to attempt publicly to solve the servant girl problem. At a recent meeting of women's clubs at Amherst, Mass., he read a paper on the subject.

Resigned to Good Fortune.

Atlanta Journal: As almost everybody takes a cheerful view of the business situation and business prospects and as general confidence is the best guarantee of good times, it seems perfectly safe to predict that prosperity will continue.

Exercise Saved Teddy.

Governor Roosevelt was thought as a boy to be of weak constitution. He early devoted much attention to exercise and spent all the time that he could in the open air. To this he attributes his present health and endurance.

Here's a Ray of Hope.

From the Denver Republican: Now that the Sultan has bought an automobile and intends to run it himself, maybe Uncle Sam can collect that debt out of the life insurance.

What Is Needed.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of Ohio county, West Virginia, rendered on the 13th day of October, 1899, in a cause in chancery in said court pending wherein George M. Bolling and Irene J. Bolling are plaintiffs and Rebecca L. Bolling and Roberta B. Bolling, heirs at law of Hannah L. Bonham Bolling, deceased, are defendants, the undersigned will, as special commissioner appointed by said decree for the purpose, offer for sale before the first day of December, 1900, in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, at public auction, on

Saturday, the 1st day of December, 1900,

at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, the following valuable real estate situated in the Third ward of the city of Wheeling, to-wit: The east one-half of lot number twenty-four as designated on the plat of the city of Wheeling, being a part of the same which was conveyed to said Hannah L. Bonham Bolling, by deed bearing date the 13th day of September, 1884, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of said Ohio county, in Deed Book No. 43, at page 191.

The terms of said sale will be one-third cash, and as much more as the purchaser may elect to pay in cash, and the residue in two equal installments payable in six and twelve months, with interest, from the date of sale, the purchaser giving notes secured by deed of trust on said property for the deferred payments.

C. E. GARVIN, Special Commissioner.
I, C. H. HENNING, clerk of the circuit court of Ohio county, West Virginia, do certify that the above named special commissioner has given bond with good security as required by law and the above mentioned decree.

T. M. GARVIN, C. H. HENNING, Clerk.
GEO. C. MORRISON, Attorneys, nos-th

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